

Office of the City Clerk BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

Commission on Food Security, Heritage, and Economy (CFSHE)

CREATED BY:

Ordinance 11266, adopted May 5, 2015

MEMBERSHIP / QUALIFICATIONS:

Membership shall consist of 17 members who shall serve without compensation. Members shall be appointed by Mayor and Council from the following nominations:

- Three (3) members nominated by Local First Arizona, at least 2 of which represent local restaurants or stores that purchase locally grown foods;
- Three (3) members nominated by the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, at least 1 of which is a local farmer/grower;
- Three (3) members nominated by the Pima County Food Alliance, at least 1 of which is a local farmer/grower;
- Two (2) members nominated by the Southwest Folklife Alliance/ Tucson Meet Yourself;
- One (1) member nominated by Native Seeds/SEARCH;
- One (1) member nominated by the Santa Cruz Valley Heritage Alliance;
- One (1) member nominated by the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum;
- One (1) member nominated by the University of Arizona College of Public Health;
- One (1) member nominated by the University of Arizona College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; and
- One (1) member nominated by the Pima County Health Department.

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Members should be actively engaged in work or have technical expertise in the areas of food access and security; local food heritage; or local food production, distribution, or commercial purchasing/use.

Members must reside or work within the Tucson metropolitan area.

FUNCTIONS:

The CFSHE shall have the following functions and purposes, to the extent that they are consistent with the City's strategic plan:

- (a) Advising the Mayor and Council on matters relating to food security, food heritage, and the food economy.
- (b) Providing a common forum to the member organizations for discussion and coordination of activities.
- (c) Fostering cooperation and efficiency among the member organizations.
- (d) Developing food access, food security, nutrition, and economic development goals and targets; liaison with other U.S. and international communities to identify best practices; recommending strategies to meet those goals and targets; and identifying potential funding or other resources to implement those strategies.
- (e) Promoting ideas, practices, and programs to increase access to healthy foods, increase demand and markets for locally-produced foods, improve local food distribution, reduce food waste, expand composting and other uses of food waste, expand food industry job opportunities, and expand food entrepreneur support.
- (f) Evaluating City policies and regulations for their impact on local food production, food access and security, and nutrition, and making recommendations to improve such policies and regulations.
- (g) At the discretion and express direction of the Mayor and Council, assuming and undertaking such other tasks or duties as would facilitate the goals and objectives of the CFSHE.

QUORUM:

A quorum shall consist of 9

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TERMS OF OFFICE:

Members shall serve for a term of four years and may be re-appointed for up to one additional term of four years, but in no event may any individual serve more than a total of eight continuous years.

APPLICABILITY OF TUCSON CODE CHAPTER 10A, ARTICLE XIII:

All provisions of TCC Chapter 10A, Article XIII are applicable.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS:

This public body is defined as an advisory committee and must comply with all of the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law.

SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT:

Staff support shall be provided by the Mayor's Office to support the functions of the CFSHE, including maintaining minutes which shall be filed with the City Clerk.

Historical Notes: